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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to novel aminocarboxylate ligands that are suitable for complexing with a radionuclide, and are useful as imaging agents for diagnostic purposes. In accordance with the present invention, a method of preparing a compound of formula (I): $fac-[M(CO_2(OH_2))_3]^+$, wherein M is Mn, ^{99m}Tc , ^{186}Re or ^{188}Re , involves reacting a metal in permallate form with carbon monoxide and a reducing agent, wherein a mixture of a basic borate buffer and a reducing agent soluble in water but not substantially decomposed by water is solved in a water containing solvent system containing a solution of the metal in permanganate, pertechnetate or perbismuthate form in the presence of carbon monoxide. The compound of formula (I) can be reacted with a ligand L_n to form a compound of formula (II): $fac-[M(CO_2(X))_3L_n]^+$, wherein M is as defined above, L_n is a multidentate ligand, and n is a charge of the ligand L_n increased with one + charge. The invention also is directed to novel compounds, and kits for carrying out the disclosed methods.